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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3617**

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. 09/509,853 ✓

Examiner:

R. Stormer

Inventor: DeCagny et al.

Group Art Unit:

3617

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Title: Wheel Balancing Device and Wheel Equipped with such a Device

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 5, 2001, Paper No. 13, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

Kindly amend the paragraphs beginning at line 6 through line 11 of page 6 as follows:

the balancing device is arranged radially between the rim and a portion of maximum width of the tire;

the balancing device is disposed radially along an inboard [the